



Grace is the Power of the Gospel

Most people believe that God moves in their lives proportional to their performance. Christianity is not a set of rules. Many believers and unbelievers think they must earn their way to God. They believe that they have to do so and so to deserve the benefits of salvation. The Lord loves us despite who we are and what we've done." Now that's "good news!"

What most people call the gospel is not the gospel. Once the Gospel is mixed with the law, it ceases to be the true gospel but rather a perverted Gospel, another Gospel (Galatians 1:6-9).

We do not become believers to keep certain laws and set of rules. Our new relationship with the Lord doesn't depend on performance.

Salvation is about God's goodness and faithfulness, not ours. The Gospel is the "too good to be true news of God's love and grace towards mankind." If we can get a revelation of God's love and grace for us, we will be delivered from a performance mentality, and we will have total dependence, and reliance upon the Lord not only for salvation but for deliverance, healing, and prosperity.

Romans 1:16-17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

The word "Gospel" has been misused to the point that it has lost a lot of its meaning. Not everything that people preach is the gospel. Telling people to "turn or burn" is not the gospel. Yes, some people have been born again that way, but that is not God's preferred way of bringing people in. People who tend to be saved through hearing a message of damnation and hellfire tend to live a life of performance while those who come in by grace tend to experience a more abundant life.

The Gospel is power. It is the Power of God. It is not weakness. Some people think that we should use the wrath of God to get people born again. However, this verse says that the Gospel is the power of God to save people. "Gospel" literally means "good tidings," or "good news."

This verse further teaches that the righteousness of God is revealed through the Gospel.

Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the Power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes. Through the Gospel, people were getting born again.

The righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, not law to law, performance to performance, good works to good works.

The fact that this verse stresses the righteousness of God, it means that there exists the righteousness of man. The righteousness of God comes through faith and it is the true righteousness that sanctified and justifies whereas the righteousness of man is one of performance, the law, and good deeds. This kind cannot justify anyone before God.

Philippians 3:9 "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:"

There is more to salvation than most people think. Many think that salvation is all about being born again period. Not true! There is more to salvation. It includes the forgiveness of their sins, the healing of their bodies, financial prosperity, the deliverance from Satan's oppression, and more.

Do you need to be healed? The power for healing is in the Gospel. Do you need to be prospered financially? The power for financial prosperity is in the Gospel. Do you need to be delivered from the power of demonic influence, depression, yourself, or something else? The power for deliverance is in the Gospel! The Gospel is the power of God.

If we are not preaching the Gospel, we aren't preaching the Word of truth because the Gospel is the Word of Truth which causes people to bring forth fruit (Colossians 1:6)

Romans 1:18-19 "For the wrath of God is revealed [not going to be, but already is revealed] from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath [past tense] shewed it unto them" (brackets mine).

God has revealed His wrath to every single person intuitively. People know deep inside the knowledge of God's wrath against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. We should not be preaching and telling people of the wrath of God because they already know it. People already know that they are sinners deep in their hearts. We don't have to tell people that they are on their way to hell because they already know that. Condemning people and scaring them out of hell is not the best approach. Instead of condemning people, we should point them to the gospel.

Romans 2:4 "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

This passage of scripture makes it clear that it is the goodness of God that leads men to repentance, NOT the wrath of God. Through the grace of God as honey, we can draw more bees than we would with vinegar.

1 Timothy 1:8-11 "But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

The only people that need to be told of how terrible and a sinner they are, are those who think they are so good and have no need for a savior. Those who are self-righteous and think their righteousness earns them right standing with God. The law is used to reveal to them their sinfulness and therefore their need for Jesus as their savior.

It takes the revelation by the Holy Spirit to be able to understand Grace. Once you get hold of it, it will set you free from sin not free to sin, you will break the stronghold of sin on you, and you will grow and increase in your love for God. Preaching legalism and performance puts people into bondage to sin and strengthens the law (1 Corinthians 15:56). A true revelation of the grace of God will cause a person to want to live a holy, godly, and righteous life. The love of God is the greatest motivation for anything we do for God. This also includes living a holy life.

Titus 2:11-13 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;"

God loves us, but does not love or approve everything we do. Study the Word. Paul continually instructed believers against living ungodly. It is detrimental to us. God loves us and wants us to experience victory He has for us but that does not come through living contrary to His Word.

God blesses and delights in us but He does not bless nor delight in anything or everything we do that is against His will.

God is for us (Romans 8:31) but is not for everything we do. God died for all our sin but does not delight in it. Let them that call on the name of the Lord depart from iniquity (2 Timothy 2:19).